THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Indian Pilots Guild has issued a directive that all co-pilots of A-310 aircraft will not sign any certificate for aircraft which can only be done by a qualified Aircraft Maintenance Engineer for pilot's acceptance of general fitness of aircraft prior to a flight.

(b) All aircrafts are certified as airworthy by Aircraft Maintenance Engineer before flight departure as per the laid down procedure. However, in case of unscheduled diversions of aircraft to airports where the services of the licenced maintenance engineer is not available, the co-pilots have been authorised to carry out transit inspections and certify the aircraft under specified conditions.

Exodus of Indian professionals from Fiji

37. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a mass exodus of Indian professionals from Fiji in the wake of the 1987 military takeover; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) There has been an exodus of professionals of some categories while in others there have been departures in significant numbers.

(b) Fijian professionals of Indian ethnic origin have migrated mainly to Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. They have not sought resettlement in India.

Additional expenditure incurred by the Railways

38. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the amount of additional expenditure incurred by the Railways between 1985 and 1989, yearwise, on account of the increases in the administered prices of coal and mineral oil products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The information is being collected from Zonal Railways and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha shortly.

Freight transportation and profit earnings by Railway-zones

39. Dr. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of passengers carried, freight transported, and profit earned by each of the railway zones in the country; yearwise, from 1980 to 1988, and

(b) what are the most profitable and the least profitable zones in the country, when reckoned on the basis the money earned or losses suffered by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Figures of Passengers and freight carried and surplus/shortfall for the year 1980-81 to 1987-88 are given in the annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 4]. The surplus/shortfall reflects the position after adjustment of dividend to General Revenues.

(b) On the basis of result for 1987-88, the highest surplus was registered by the South Eastern Railway and the largest shortfall was on the Southern Railway.

Recruitment of SC/ST candidates by Indian Airlines

40. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any backlog in the